

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please find replacement sheet for Figure 2A, which adds reference numerals 100, 102a and 102b.

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Office Action of August 31, 2007. The due date for response extends to December 31, 2007, with a one month extension.

The specification was reviewed, and the Applicants noticed typographical errors that are now being corrected. Additionally, Figure 2A is being submitted, as amended, to include numerals 100, 102a and 102b, as called out the as-filed specification. No new matter is introduced by these amendments.

Claims 1-8 and 11-15 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated over Taniyama et al. (6,247,479). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Applicants have amended the claims to more clearly claim aspects of the invention. Specifically, the Applicants have amended claim 1 to define that the docking surface is oriented adjacent to and beside the edge of the substrate. The docking surface is also now defined to be coplanar with the substrate. Further, claim 1 was amended to define the transition interface being spaced apart from the substrate, and the coupon magazine was introduced to define the holding at one side and having the second side extend out to define the transition interface. Based on these defining structural features, it is submitted that the teachings of Taniyama et al. fall short of anticipation.

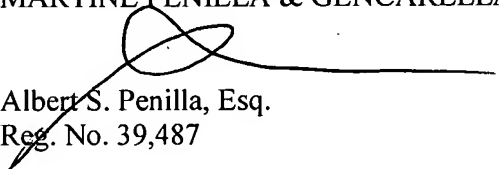
Taniyama et al. teach a system that receives a wafer, where the entire underside is placed on top of the supporting surface. The substrate is held, during rotation, by feature 14. The Office points to feature 14 as being analogous to the docking surface. Feature 14 is not a docking surface that have the structure characteristics now claimed. Features 14 are defined to completely encircle the substrate to hold the substrate during rotation. Aside from feature 14, the remainder of Taniyama et al. teaching is silent as to any structure that can define a docking station. For these reasons, and based on the newly amended claims, the Applicants submit that Taniyama et al. fail to teach or suggest the claimed invention. New claims 21-28 also contain features found in independent claims 1 and 5, and for these same reasons, the Applicants submit that Taniyama et al. also does not anticipate or suggest the claimed invention.

Dependent claims 9-10 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a). This rejection is respectfully traversed, as the teachings found in US PUB 2002/0115024 and US Pat. 6,162,302 fail to cure the deficiencies of Taniyama et al.

For at least these reasons, the Applicants submit that the remainder of the dependent claims are believed to be patentable for at least the same reasons the independent claims are believed to be patentable.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6903. Please charge a one month extension to the deposit account. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No LAM2P474). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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